



Deer Resistant Plants for San Antonio, Texas

Remember that deer resistant does not mean deer proof. There is no such thing as a deer proof plant! However, the plants in these lists tend to not be on the preferred menu for deer. They may still take a nibble and move on, and the effectiveness of the deer resistance properties still depends on the herd involved, and how hungry/thirsty the deer might be.

Deer Resistant Annuals

- Allysum
- Begonia
- Bluebonnet
- Caladiums
- Cosmos
- Cyclamen
- Dahlberg Daisy
- Fan Flower
- Larkspurs
- Marigolds
- Moss Verbenas

- Nasturtium
- Periwinkle or Vinca
- Verbena
- Zinnia

Deer Resistant Cacti & Succulents

- Agave
- Aloes
- Cactus Hen and Chicks
- Prickly Pear Cactus
- Red Yucca
- Soft Leaf Yucca
- Texas Sotol
- Yucca

Deer Resistant Groundcovers

- Ajuga
- Asiatic Jasmine
- Frog Fruit
- Liriope
- Mondo Grass
- Pigeonberry
- Santolina
- Stonecrop

- Strawberry Begonia
- Thymes
- Vinca (major and minor)
- Wedelia
- Woolly Stemodia
- Zoysia hybrids

Deer Resistant Grasses (Ornamental)

- Blue Oat Grass
- Blue Eyed Grass
- Blue Fescue
- Bear Grass
- Fountain Grass
- Horsetail Rush
- Inland Sea Oats
- Japanese Silver Grass
- Maiden Grass
- Mexican Feather Grass
- Muhly Grass
- Pampas Grass
- Sedges
- Umbrella Grass

Deer Resistant Herbs

- Basil
- Borage
- Catmint
- Catnip
- Chives (Garlic)
- Dill
- Fennel
- Feverfew
- Hyssop
- Hoja Santos
- Lavender (English)
- Lemon Balm
- Lemon grass
- Lemon Verbena
- Mexican Mint Marigold
- Oregano
- Rosemary
- Savory
- Spearmint
- Sweet Marjoram
- Sweet Woodruff
- Thyme
- Yarrow

Deer Resistant Perennials

- Agastache
- African Iris
- Angel's Trumpet
- Artemesia
- Balloon Flower
- Bear's Breech
- Beebalm
- Betony (Texas)
- Black-Eyed Susan
- Blanket Flower
- Bulbine
- California Poppy
- Cape Mallow
- Candytuft
- Cape Honeysuckle
- Cassia (Candlestick)
- Cast Iron Plant
- Chrysanthemum
- Cleome
- Coleus
- Columbine
- Coneflower (Purple)
- Coral Bells

- Coreopsis
- Daisy (Blackfoot, Copper Canyon, Euryops, Fleabane, Four Nerve, Gazania, Marguerite, Oxeye, Shasta)
- Dalea
- Damianita
- Daylily
- Dusty Miller
- Esperanza (Tecoma satãs)
- Euphorbia
- Fall Aster
- Firebush
- Flame Acanthus
- Flowering Maple
- Freesia
- Foxglove
- Gaura
- Gayfeather
- Gazania
- Indian Blanket
- Jerusalem Cherry
- Lamb's Ear
- Lantana
- Larkspur
- Lion's Tail

- Lily of the Nile
- Lily (Aztec, Blackberry, Candy, Calla)
- Mexican Honeysuckle
- Mexican Oregano
- Mirror Plant
- Mist Flowers
- Obedient Plant
- Penstemon
- Plumbago (Dwarf, Standard)
- Phlox (Fannick's, Robert Poore, etc..)
- Pride of Barbados
- Red Hot Poker
- Rock Rose
- Sage (Autumn, Cedar, Jerusalem, Mealy Blues, Mexican Bush, Russian, Tropical)
- Salvias (most known varieties)
- Santolina
- Skullcap (pink)
- Society Garlic
- Speedwell
- Sundrops (Calylophus)
- Thryallis
- Turk's Cap
- Verbena

- Wallflower
- Woolly Ironweed
- Yarrow
- Zexmenia

Deer Resistant Bulbs, Tubers, Rhizomes, Ferns

- Amaryllis
- Bearded Iris
- Daffodil
- Daylily
- Elephant Ears
- Fern (Asparagus, Holly, Southern Shield, River, Sword)
- Gingers (most species)
- Iris

Deer Resistant Shrubs

- Abelia
- Acuba
- Agarita
- Azaela
- Barberry
- Beauty berry (American)
- Blackberry (thorny only)

- Bottlebrush
- Boxwood
- Butterfly Bush (Dwf., Standard, Wooly)
- Carolina Buckthorn
- Cenizo (Texas Sage)
- Cotoneaster (Coralberry, Gray)
- Eleagnus
- Esperanza (Tecoma stans)
- Gardenia
- Holly (Dwf. Chinese, Yaupon)
- Japanese Aralia
- Japanese Yew
- Juniper
- Mahonia
- Mexican Silktassle
- Mexican Bird of Paradise
- Mimosa (Fragrant)
- Myrtle (Southern Wax Leaf, True Greek)
- Nandina
- Oleander
- Palm (Bush types, Sago)
- Philodendron (Split leaf, Hope, Xanadu)
- Pineapple Guava
- Pomegranate

- Pride of Barbados
- Primrose Jasmine
- Pyracantha
- Quince (Flowering)
- Scotch Broom
- Senna (Flowering)
- Southern Wax Myrtle
- St. John's Wort
- Viburnum

Deer Resistant Trees

(Large trees require protection until they are taller than a deer standing on hind legs, and young trees can still suffer damage from bucks rubbing against branches and trucks to remove the velvet from their antlers.)

- Aleppo Pine
- Anacacho Orchid
- Austrian Pine
- Buckeye (Mexican, Texan)
- Cedar Elm
- Cherry Laurel
- Chinese Pistache
- Cypress (Arizona, Bald)
- Desert Willow
- Fig
- Ginkgo

- Golden Ball Lead
- Magnolia
- Maple (Big Tooth, Japanese)
- Mexican Olive
- Mexican Palo Verde
- Mexican Plum
- Mountain Laurel
- Olive tree
- Purple Leaf Plum
- Redbud
- Rough leaf Dogwood
- Texas Persimmon
- Texas Pistache
- Vitex (Chaste Tree)

Deer Resistant Vines

- Carolina Jessamine
- Clematis (Sweet Autumn)
- Confederate Jasmine (Star jasmine)
- Cross Vine
- Fig Ivy
- Honeysuckle
- Potato Vine
- Wisteria (Chinese, Texas)